

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives congratulate Mayor Thomas C. Carper of Macomb
4 on his retirement after many years of dedicated service to
5 the people of Macomb; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Carper has served the city of Macomb as
7 Mayor since 1991; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Carper received a Bachelor of Arts from
9 Western Illinois University (WIU) in 1982; he joined the
10 military in 1967, where he served until 1970, including a
11 tour of duty in Thailand and Vietnam; following his military
12 service, he resided and worked in New Jersey before returning
13 to Macomb and opening a business in 1972; he returned to WIU
14 and earned a Board of Trustees degree; and

15 WHEREAS, One of the achievements that Mayor Carper is
16 proud of is the partnership between the St. Louis Rams
17 football team and the Macomb community; he was very
18 instrumental in bringing the St. Louis Rams to Macomb for
19 summer camp; and

20 WHEREAS, The city of Macomb has greatly benefitted from
21 the time and energy that Mayor Carper has given over the past
22 years; he has personally planted and nurtured hundreds of
23 trees to be used for beautification, and played an
24 instrumental role in the building of the Macomb 911 center;
25 he renovated the Macomb City Hall without raising taxes; he
26 initiated the Al Sears Annual Festival in 2002; he has worked
27 tirelessly for the Special Olympics, the Macomb Heritage
28 Days, and the Macomb Balloon Rally; in addition, he has
29 fostered a tremendous relationship between the City of
30 Macomb, Western Illinois University, and the surrounding
31 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Carper is affiliated with the United Way
2 Chair and Leighty Award, the WIU Performing Arts
3 Distinguished Service Award and the Ruth Watts Award; he is a
4 WIU Track and Field Official and the McDonough County
5 Rehabilitation Center Volunteer of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Carper is the Chair of the Amtrak Mayors'
7 Advisory Council; he is also a member, and on the Board of
8 Directors of the Illinois Municipal League; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Mayor Thomas C. Carper on his retirement as
12 Mayor of Macomb and wish him good health and happiness in all
13 of his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Mayor Thomas C. Carper as an expression of our
16 respect and esteem.